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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue in order to file a request for continued examination (RCE) for the purposes of having an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) considered. Please charge the requisite fee for filing the petition as set forth in §1.17(h) to deposit account no. 04-0100.

An RCE is also provided with this petition. Furthermore, an IDS with a reference cited by the Japanese Patent Office is attached. Please charge the fee for filing an RCE and any fee required for having the IDS considered to deposit account no. 04-0100.

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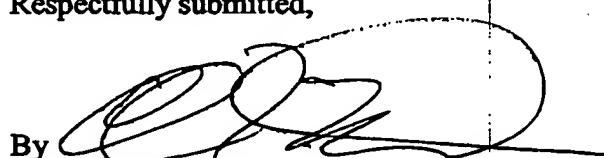
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to deposit account no. 04-0100  
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